



COUNTY OF PLACER
NORTH TAHOE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
NORTH TAHOE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

May 10, 2018

Tahoe City Public Utility District, 221 Fairway Dr., Tahoe City, CA

1. Call to Order

ROEDER called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. A quorum was established.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lyans, Fulda, Lutkemuller, Steakley, and Jewett.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Roeder, Chillemi, McFadden and Hill

STAFF PRESENT: Romack and Friedman

PUBLIC (including Community Report representatives): 5

2. MAC Member Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda

LUTKE/FULDA/UNANIMOUS

4. Approval of Minutes of April 12, 2018

LUTKE/JEWETT/Carried with abstentions from Fulda, Steakley, Lyans, and Jewett

5. Reports

A. Supervisor/Tahoe Field Representative Reports

ROMACK distributed the 2018 Summer Tahoe Basin Construction map compiled by Caltrans and NDOT. An open house is being held on Tuesday May 15 at 5:00 PM at the Kings Beach Event Center to consider options for the Kings Beach Center.

California State Parks and the California Tahoe Conservancy have released the draft EIR/EIS for the Kings Beach State Park General Plan Revision. The Arts Council of Placer County is offering free booth space to artists who want to sell at the County Fair.

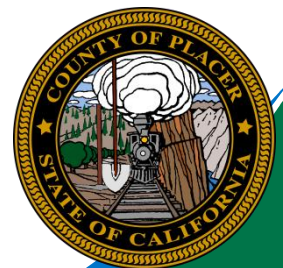
An open house regarding ADA compliance is scheduled for May 23 at the Kings Beach Event Center. The Capital Projects Advisory (CAP) Committee held its first meeting last week. The CAP Committee will meet regularly on the last Thursday of each month at 4:30 PM to consider applications for TOT infrastructure allocations.

The Board of Supervisors approved a \$2.5 million contract for repaving roads in the Homewood area. The funds are from the new state gas tax.

B. Community Reports

ALLYSON PERO, Placer County Sheriff's Office Community Services Officer announced the multi-agency Emergency Drill and Safety Fair on May 19. Part of the drill will include voluntary evacuations in Kings Beach. PERO reported that

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with the warmer weather, automobile “smash and grabs” are on the rise, particularly around trail heads.

CINDY GUSTAFSON, CEO of the North Lake Tahoe Resort Association reported on the recent Chamber Community Awards Dinner held last month.

C. NTRAC Member Reports

STEAKLEY reported the North Tahoe Business Association (NTBA) is working with State Parks to alleviate trash issues at the Kings Beach Recreation Area.

LUTKEMULLER announced Snap Shot Day for Water Quality Monitoring is scheduled for May 19. The Truckee River Watershed Council and League to Save Lake Tahoe are heading up the day. For more information, check either agency’s website.

LYANS announced Community Clean Up Day is scheduled for June 2 at various locations in the area.

6. Public Comment

There were no comments on items not on today’s agenda.

7. Information Items

A. Placer County Housing Strategy and Development Plan Update:

Staff will provide a brief update on the County’s Housing Strategy and Development Plan, which is a component of the county’s larger housing work plan. The Housing Strategy and Development Plan will be used to assess and identify housing needs, workforce housing development opportunities, and identify recommendations about current housing standards and policies that may be limiting housing development. This presentation follows a Housing Forum that was held in March to provide an initial overview and update on the information and data collected to date.

Presenter: Shawna Purvines, Principal Planner

PURVINES explained the reasons for the Plan update are to assess the current housing situation, develop a site evaluation tool, review state policies to insure Placer County codes are consistent, and make recommendations. So far, the input from builders and developers is that permitting is cumbersome and costly. PURVINES noted the “missing middle,” which addresses housing options for the middle class. Best practices from comparable counties are being considered. The public will be invited to respond to the County’s FlashVote survey next week. A draft Plan should be released in July and PURVINES will come back to the MACs for review.

The Committee asked questions clarifying components of the Plan, the areas included, and how this coordinates with efforts from the Mountain Housing Council. FULDA described a project he was working on but the fees were so high, it made the project untenable for the developer.

The topic was open to public comment. JENNIFER MERCHANT said many initiatives are being considered. Some include the Mountain Housing Council. She noted the Town of Truckee has changed its fee schedule to be per square foot, which seems to be more equitable. A mailer was sent to 14,500 second homeowners to gauge interest in renting out their homes when they are not using them. The survey closes May 15. About 500 responses have been received to date. MERCHANT said other strategies are being considered, including incentives for second homeowners to rent and financing options for new or remodeled housing.

B. Update on the Squaw Valley / Alpine Meadows Base-to-Base Gondola Draft EIR/EIS: County Staff will provide an overview of the proposed Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows Base-to-Base Gondola project and the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) prepared for the project. The purpose of this presentation is to provide the MAC and the community with an informational discussion and overview of the proposed project and the draft EIR/EIS process. Formal comments on the Draft EIR/EIS may be formally submitted to the Planning Commission either orally or in writing at its May 24th public hearing at the North Tahoe Event Center, and written comments may be submitted to the Placer County Environmental Coordination Services Division (cdraecs@placer.ca.gov or Shirlee Herrington, Environmental Coordination Services, 3091 County Center Drive, Suite 190, Auburn, CA 95603) at any time during the 45 day public comment period, which began on April 27 and ends June 11th at 5:00p.m.

Presenter: Heather Beckman, Associate Planner, Placer County

BECKMAN reported the draft EIR/EIS for this project has been released for public comment until June 11. A more in-depth presentation will be given at the May 24 Planning Commission meeting, at which time formal verbal comment will be accepted. She introduced JOE FLANNERY, Winter Sports Specialist with the US Forest Service. The process for commenting on the USFS EIS component of the project was described. BECKMAN explained the environmental review required by both CEQA and NEPA and the scoping process.

BECKMAN presented the four alternatives being considered and the various alignments. The key issues identified during the scoping process were the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog, proximity to the Granite Chief Wilderness, and visual impacts. The County identified Alternative 4 as the preferred alternative, but USFS does not select a preferred alternative for the environmental process.

BECKMAN and FLANNERY answered questions clarifying details of the alternatives considered, the analysis considered, and the approval process for both the EIR and EIS.

FULDA expressed concern with the addition of more Gazex exploders. The ones used this winter had a tremendous negative impact. The blasts were so intense that some people in Alpine Meadows

felt their window seals may be damaged from the shocks. Also, there was a strong reaction from FULDA's dog, more than before. LUTKEMULLER experienced the same issues. Acknowledging the need for avalanche control, FULDA suggested the actual explosions from Gazex may be too intense for the area.

Discussion followed as the impact to the residential and ski areas were considered, the potential for additional skiable terrain, and construction impacts.

The topic was open to public comment. VLADIMIR BAZJANAC, a resident of Squaw Valley Lodge, said the gondola connecting Squaw and Alpine has been the dream of a lot of skiers over the years. He asked for clarification on the impact of Alternative 4 on the Red Dog lift. BECKMAN said a permit was issued for relocation of the lift. She is waiting to hear from the applicant any plans for the lift.

TROY CALDWELL, one of the applicants, appreciated the good presentation tonight and the thoughtful comments.

8. Future Agenda Items

- An update on the Highway 89 Realignment Project
- TCPUD request for Park Dedication Fee for bike trail repairs
- Traffic calming measures in Kings Beach

9. Adjournment at 7:47 PM to next regular meeting on June 14, 2018 at the North Tahoe Event Center, 8318 N. Lake Blvd, Kings Beach

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Friedman, Recording Secretary